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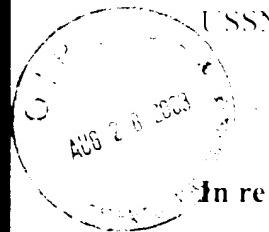
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir Madam:

Applicants herein respond to the Office Action dated 24 March 2003 and elect the claims of Group III, namely claims 27-29. A petition (including payment) for a four-month extension of time accompanies this paper, thereby extending until 25 August 2003 (24 August having been a Sunday) the period for making a timely reply.

Respectfully submitted,

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